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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Ade White, Department of State  
SUBJECT: CIA's Counter-Insurgency Responsibilities

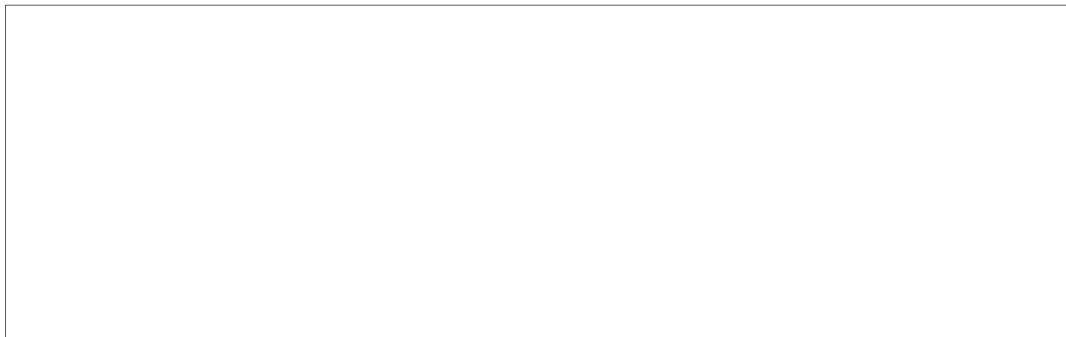
1. The following are suggested areas of CIA's responsibility for your National Policy Guidance paper on counter-insurgency.

2. CIA will:

- a. Emphasize the strategy of preventing counter-insurgency rather than the tactics of its cure.
- b. Provide early identification of countries presenting the most critical prospects for the outbreak of subversive insurgency for the next five years.
- c. Coordinate appropriate clandestine counter-insurgency operations of the US Government.
- d. Develop and maintain truly secret and durable clandestine intelligence, counter-espionage, and covert action assets for cold and hot war operations, in and from the crisis countries.
- e. Develop and maintain investigative mechanisms capable of identifying and producing reliable information on subversive individuals or groups.
- f. Penetrate the Communist Party's hierarchy and dissident political elements attempting to erect subversion and the guerrilla forces themselves, with agents capable of supplying intelligence for exploitation by friendly counter-insurgency forces.
- g. Conduct clandestine and covert operations to neutralize subversive insurgency before it can be expanded to the point required to convince the local populace the insurgents will win in the end.

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j. In coordination with other appropriate government components, participate in the development of counter-insurgency training programs to better equip the US Government and friendly foreign governments to counter Communist cold war, infiltration, and subversion.

k. When requested to do so, provide training for friendly, foreign intelligence services, security services, and paramilitary forces in counter-insurgency operations.

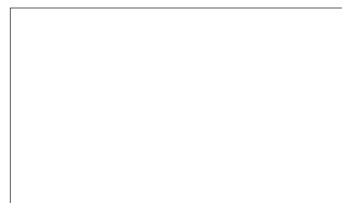
l. Develop and test covert and clandestine counter-insurgency doctrine.

3. These are purely informal suggestions and have no official status or sanction by CIA at this time.

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